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Statement by Maj. Gen. Albert H. Wilkening on the death of Wisconsin Army National Guard Specialist Charles A. Kaufman

The whole Wisconsin National Guard family joins me in mourning the loss of Specialist Charles A. Kaufman, who was killed Sunday by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad. Specialist Kaufman served with honor, fidelity and valor as a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry. The Wisconsin National Guard has lost one of its finest soldiers.

But our loss is eclipsed by that of Specialist Kaufman's family and loved ones. I pledge to the Kaufman family the full support of the Wisconsin National Guard as they live through the difficult days and weeks ahead.

In honor of Specialist Charles Kaufman I am ordering the flags at all Wisconsin National Guard armories, air bases and other facilities lowered to half-staff beginning at noon Monday, June 27, and continuing until sunset on the day of his funeral service.

With all 9,900 of Specialist Kaufman's fellow soldiers and airmen of Wisconsin's National Guard, I salute his service to community, state and nation; and I pray for the protection and safe return of 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry, and the continued safety of more than 1,200 soldiers and airmen of the Wisconsin National Guard now serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Major General Albert H. Wilkening
The Adjutant General of Wisconsin

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